



The Doings

Of the Dixie Sailing Club
May 2011



Burl and Carol enjoying a day on the water

Commodore's Corner
By Commodore Charlie French

Good News!

Russell Lands has extended DSC occupancy of its current location until after Labor Day 2012. I am going to repeat this is Great News. It will give us time to enjoy our current location and time to make plans for our future.

Our future looks great immediately with a Super Saturday on May 7th, and club races 14th, 22nd, and fun sailing in between on 10th and 24th. Then we have the McFadden Cup Regatta on Memorial Day Saturday May 28th with a pot luck dinner / cookout.

We all need to make plans for our Intro to Sailing Day June 11th. This is part of our planning for the future of DSC. Please contact Marty French with people you want to invite and activities you wish to volunteer for. See the flyer on the web site and register your friends since the space is limited.

I want to encourage all to enjoy Dixie Sailing Club.

Charlie

From the Vice
By Vice Commodore Royetta Link

My heart goes out to folks affected by last week's storms. As a resident of Elmore County, every person I meet has a story to share. Their accounts range from near misses to total loss. On your next visit to the club, you can see just how close the destructive winds came to our facilities. The park at the entrance to the Ridge is less than two miles away. Once a place of quiet beauty, the waterfall was a backdrop for many wedding pictures. Now, it is a ravaged hilltop. Its stately pines snapped like toothpicks, graceful willows up rooted and ponds filled with storm debris. And yet, not a leaf fell at the club.

These pages talk about the many benefits the club offers its members but none can compare with the simple statement "our club is still here."

First Saturday offers homemade brunch, races, and pot-luck dinner. Come share part or all the day with friends.

Royetta

Rear Commodore Comments

From Rear Commodore Dick Cline

The month of May is here and so are some great events to enjoy, both at the club and out of town at a near-by location. The month's events kick off at the club on May 7th with the first Super Saturday Racing event of the season. I'll go over what that is all about in a bit. Then on May 14 and 15, out of town this year after having been held last year at DSC, is the Catalina 22 Region 3 Championships at Fort Walton Yacht Club that a number of our C22 racers will be attending. Sunday club races have been popular so far this year, and they occur on the 22nd. The month ends on another high-profile event for club racers – the McFadden Cup Regatta on Memorial Day weekend, on Saturday the 28th. So it should be a great month for sailing and fun events.

First off some talk about the Long Distance Race that was scheduled for Sat the 30th that had to be cancelled. It WILL be rescheduled for later in the year, on a Saturday that is not being used for races. So just hang in there, it's coming later in the year. I and a number of other members went to the club last weekend, and after seeing the massive damage in some areas real close to the club, gave great thanks the path of the tornado was not over the club. The last word this morning was that it was an EF 4 level storm with winds over 170 miles per hour! One of the things that got me the most was seeing about a 12 by 14 foot section of what appeared to be floating dock up against a tree, where you turn in by the waterfalls at the entrance to the ridge. Closer looking showed it to be part of a house from who knows where.

OK – so what the heck is "Super Saturday Racing" all about. I've never been real good at holding to an agenda, much less having a hidden agenda. Bottom line – when races start at 10:15 and end around 1 or so, it's about impossible to keep folks hanging around until 5 P.M. for Happy Hour and then dinner at 6. So the goal was to try something this year that got folks to do TWO things : (1) come and race on pot luck supper day; and (2) stay long enough to attend the pot luck supper!! So we came up with the "Super Saturday" idea. The first enticement to come to the club is a free brunch for all that come, starting at 10:30. Races will start at 12:30 and end most likely about 4. Happy Hour and awards on the deck start at 4:30 with dinner at 5:30.

So what is that "awards" deal. Well, food for brunch as a motivator to come, and cash prizes for the days racing at Happy Hour is to motivate folks to stay! Here is how that works. Say there are 7 folks that go out to race. We do the normal 3 races and each race is scored as per usual. At the end of the day, those race

results are then used to calculate places 1 thru 7 as if it had been a regatta using normal regatta scoring methods. The person that finishes first for the day gets a \$25 West Marine gift card.

Now here is where it gets a bit more interesting. I can already hear some saying that there is no reason for them to come, they couldn't beat some of those hot shot racers. Well possibly true, but... after the winner for the day is rewarded, the hat that is there with numbers 2 thru 7, representing the number that had raced, the winner reaches in and draws a number, and that is who gets the second prize, a \$15 West Marine gift certificate. Second award winner pulls another number from the hat, and that is who gets the 3rd and final prize, a \$10 gift certificate. KEY CATCH – ya gotta be there to win it! The number for your finishing place gets pulled and you are not there – oh well, your loss, we just pull another number! Monetary motivation to come to Happy Hour and stay for the fun of the evening, not just pack up and head to the house. We figured free food and cash prizes should be motivation to make your schedule include a trip to the club.

There is no entry fee for it – all the prizes are thanks to your club. We will have that event at least 4 times this year, so make sure you plan to be there for them! It's great to know we will be at our current location for a lot longer time, it's an awesome place, so come and enjoy it.

Dick

Help Wanted!!

Intro to Sailing

This year the DSC's Introduction to Sailing will be held on 11 June from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. As always this is our opportunity to show the general public who we are and what we're all about. Almost every year the club has gained 1 or 2 new members as a result of the ITS. And to put on this event we need existing club members to help with various activities throughout the day.

Marty French is the overall organizer for this event and she and other "helpers" have identified several areas where we could use some assistance. We need;

- Dock helpers to catch and launch the boats the guests are learning to sail
- A Dock Master for the long pier to serve as an extra pair of eyes and hands
- Chase boat operator to assist the guests and to put out marks for them to sail to
- One or two people to help with the food and clean up afterwards

- Several people to help with guest check-in and registration
- Club members willing to take our guests for a short sail
- Someone to walk small groups around our grounds to show them our camping facilities, keel boat dock, boat yard, main ramp, etc.

We also need several small sailboats (Sunfish, Laser, etc.) for our guests to practice sailing on (within our cove)

If you think you'd like to help us, please contact Marty at marty.french@me.com or call her at 334-391-1713 (Cell) or 334-358-4647 (home - after work hours). (Thanks! -Editor)

For Sale



Scot Potential For Sale

At Dixie Sailing Club
\$3000 including trailer

Charlie French 334-358-4647

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FOR SALE

Hull #1341 Freedom, formerly known as "Cattitude"

2 sets of sails

110 - Gus in Excellent Condition

Main - Gus in Excellent Condition

150 - Gus in Good to Fair Condition

VC Poxo bottom job, and Topside paint by Dennis Slayton in 2007 or 2008

Second set of sails still OK for cruising

Custom canvas boat cover from Catalina Direct

Trailer

2000 4.0 Mercury Outboard in Good Condition

Great boat, needs new skipper with time to take her racing.

\$6500

Located at: Browns Creek Marina, Lake Guntersville, Guntersville, AL

Contact: Roy Hutcheson, rahutcheson@hotmail.com, 256 468 1002

Upcoming Events and Responsibilities

May 2011

- Sat 7 **Super Saturday Racing**
RC Chair: Barnett
RC Assist: Moeller, McDaniel
Brunch Kitchen Duty: G. Randolph
Dinner Kitchen Duty: Davie, Fernandez, Boggan
- Tue 10 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**
- Sat 14 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Corwin
RC Assist: Perry, Carden
- Tues 22 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**
- Sat 28 **McFadden Cup Regatta**
Memorial Day Weekend – potluck dinner/cookout
RC Chair: J. Simons
RC Assist: Floyd, Link
Kitchen Duty: Smilie, W. Smith, Richardson

June 2011

- Sat 4 **Super Saturday Racing – Ladies Champagne Cup Regatta!!**
RC Chair: Bennett
RC Assist: Riggs, Dettwiler
Brunch Kitchen Duty: Riley
Dinner Kitchen Duty: Ford, Dettwiler, Jaffe
- Sat 11 **Intro to Sailing**
Activity Chair: Marty French
Kitchen Duty: Royetta Link
- Tue 14 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**
- Sun 19 **No racing, Father's Day**
- Sat 25 **Club Racing**
RC Chair: Carroll
RC Assist: Hilgendorf, Sandner
- Tue 28 **Tuesday Fun Sail – 9:30**